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Winter Wonderland

Fresh-fallen snow blankets the ground and tree limbs on this easily-missed scene along Highway 406 near the Niagara Regional Exhibition Grounds in Welland. [photo by Potter]

Wintario draw in Welland? Possibly at Niagara College

By ERIC BOWMAN

A Wintario draw may be held in Welland during the Rose Festival next June—and there is just a slim chance that it could be at Niagara College.

Robert Welch, minister of culture and recreation, will mention to the Lottery Corporation Board that Welland is interested in holding a Wintario draw in June during the Rose Festival. When the Ontario cabinet met at Niagara College Nov. 19, Mr. Welch told Welland mayor Allan Pietz to file an application for the city, because it would be during the Rose Festival he felt the city would have "a good chance."

Mr. Pietz told the minister he had a couple of places in mind for the drawing. He named the Centennial Auditorium which has a capacity of 1,200.

Niagara College president, A.S. Manera said, "We don't have the facilities to compete with Centennial Auditorium but we would be happy to make our facilities available. The best we can do is the Hamilton Room. I don't know how many people would be attracted to such an event but I don't think it would require a great deal of room."

Mr. Pietz, asked if he had considered holding the draw at Niagara College, replied, "Would there be enough room?"

He said the Hamilton Room, where the cabinet briefs were held, has a capacity of only 200. Mr. Pietz did not rule out the college, saying if a spot could be found Niagara would be given full consideration.

Mr. Pietz said he would like to hold the Wintario draw in Welland because the interest generated is good for any community because it helps to advertise a community.

Mr. Welch, a St. Catharines native, said the government is pleased with Wintario which has been "very successful." He suggested the city should apply months before the date it wishes to hold the drawing to allow Lottery Corporation Board to study and consider the application.

Mr. Manera said the college benefits any time people visit the college and an event such as Wintario would certainly draw some people to the college who had never been here before

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Major pay increases proposed for SAC

By DAVE KINDY

Proposed increases of up to 150 per cent in honorariums for some Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive members will be sought by SAC president Dennis Reeves.

Dennis, who is not asking for an increase himself, was taking the proposal to the student body today, Dec. 11, in the Hamilton Room.

If the increases are granted, four SAC officers will have their annual salaries increased from their present $40 a month.

New annual earnings would be:

vice-president of finance—$800, now $320

executive vice-president—$600, now $320

vice-president of internal affairs—$600, now $320

convener of clubs—$425, now $320

At a SAC meeting Dec . 1, Dennis said, "Pub employees make more than they (SAC executive members) do."

Dennis said he will not seek increases in the honorariums for himself, the recording secretary, or vice-presidents of external affairs and athletics.

"I feel the council deserves an increase," he said. "They work very hard and spend a lot of time with their duties. They are unable to hold down part-time jobs because of this."

Dennis said he is not asking for an increase in his $1,000-a-year honorarium, but for the other members. It is strictly for them, he said, and the amount of the increase will depend on the duties of the member and how much work is involved.

Before the increase can be grant-

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Horticulture, Hospitality ask more return from SAC fees

Everybody from the mayor of New York to the premier of Iceland is worrying about money these days and somewhere in that space lie Niagara College's satellite campuses.

Earlier this month the Niagara News learned of complaints from the School or Horticultiure in St. Catharines about the funds they received from the Student Administrative Council (SAC)

With that we decided to make our own inquiry about SAC and the satellites and just what their duties are to each other.

SAC is responsible for providing money to the satellites in the minimum amount of $12.50 per student.

The satellites' responsibility is to present their budget and if more than the minimum allocation is needed, SAC may or may not provide it, depending on the validity of the claim.

Therein lies the problem, and to some extent, the solution.

The satellites, especially horticulture, feel that because their students pay the same $35 SAC fee as everyone else in the college, they should get the same use of the college facilities. However, they are located in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines — too far to drive to use the gym or the pinball machines for a couple of hours.

Dave Fisher, Horticulture's SAC representative, said, "We realize we can use the facilities, but we have the problem of transportation to the main campus. Because of that, we get no return from our SAC fees."

Chris Thomson, a Horticulture student, said their complaint centres around a "darn good " basketball player who wanted to play for the Niagara Knights but couldn't afford to drive to Welland from St. Catharines three or four times a week for practices and games.

They hoped he could be subsidized by SAC because horticulture didn't have enough money.

The News wondered how other satellites feel about SAC and the amount of money they've received so far this year.

Larry Cormier of Theatre Arts said they received the minimum amount $600 for 48 students—and "we understand where our money goes. We feel we're well-served by SAC."

He added that although the Theatre Arts Centre is located in Welland "we don't have much free time to use any of the facilities on the main campus. " Theatre Arts students rehearse as many as 15 hours a day and are required to be at the centre for nearly that amount of time every day.

Barbara Wood, of Mack Nursing centre in St.Catharines and president of the combined Niagara Falls-Mack Centre SAC, said they were at first given $4,500 by the main SAC, but it was not enough to cover social events like the Christmas dance and the graduation

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SAC dog behind bars

The stray dog which the Student Administrative Council (SAC) was considering making its mascot has been put up for adoption at the Humane Society in Welland.

SAC president Dennis Reeves decided the pooch would be better off if she had a regular home, rather than being the college mascot.

However, if she is not adopted, SAC will accept the dog before the Humane Society puts her to sleep.

Morally obligated to meet guidelines

At the Dec. 1 meeting of the Student Administrative Council, Dennis Reeves, council president, announced that he would like to see an increase in pay (honorariums) for the other SAC members.

The Niagara News contacted the Revenue Canada office in St. Catharines to find out if the members of SAC would have to accept a pay increase in accordance with the federal government's wage and price guidelines.

The News learned that, while SAC members are not *legally* cov-

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Old school revisited

St. Johns Outdoors Studies Centre re-opens old school. (See Page 2.)

(Photo by Radunsky)

EDITORIAL

Don't drink and drive!

Thousands of dollars are spent on advertising every Christmas warning people not to mix drinking with driving.

Though a warning to all, the ads are chiefly directed at parents. Posters showing a small child with a tear in the corner of her eye, or rolling down her cheek, read, "Please, daddy, come home for my sake." They warn parents not only for their own sake but for the sake of their children to have a happy—but safe—holiday.

The advertisements apply to younger people, too, and college students should take the advice to heart. Students should consider themselves warned to be just a bit more careful, to drink just a bit less, not only for their own sakes, but for the sake of their family and friends.

For college students, Christmas is a time for going home. It's a season that joins the year gone by with the present and, one hopes, leads into the New Year. It's a time for re-uniting with family, friends, neighbors, a time usually filled with partying and good times.

But, to too many people, good times are nothing more than getting thoroughly drunk.

Every year there are at least one or two fatal accidents resulting from someone drinking and driving. Like drinking and driving, death and Christmas somehow don't mix.

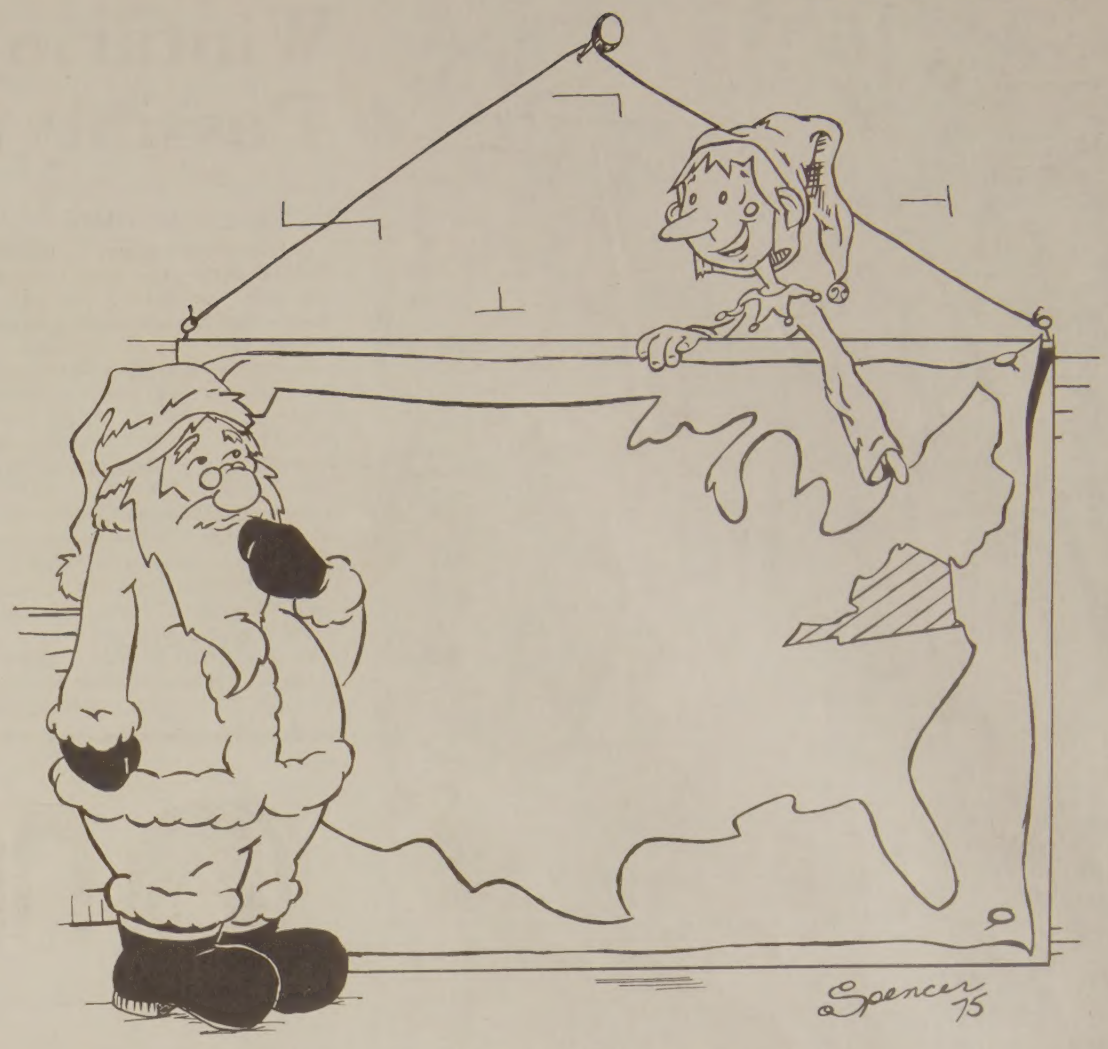
Is it impolite to let a friend know he's drunk if he is? Is it vulgar to tell him he's too drunk to drive, or that he doesn't need another drink?

Just think about it.

Wouldn't you rather be rude than have a friend drive when he can barely make it to the door? Wouldn't you rather be vulgar or ill-mannered if it means keeping a friend in the long run? Wouldn't you hope a friend would have the sense to stop you from driving if you'd had too much to drink?

Don't let Christmas spirits spoil this festive season for yourself or for others. Don't drink and drive!

Carol McKnight



"Yes, Santa, there is a Virginia!"

Bullpit

'Ho, ho, ho'

Santa Claus is the patron saint of sellers. At Christmas time, which is stretched from mid-November until New Year's, Santa is a catalyst for increased sales.

The jolly man in red has, unfortunately, become a symbol of greed. Striking the most impressionable age group, the pre-schoolers, Santa seems to nullify that old standard, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Ma and Pa take little Berty to see Mr. Claus at their favorite department store. With visions of an exhaustible toy factory up North, Berty tells the jolly gent what he wants for Christmas. Santa greets Berty's host of "gimmes" with an optimistic "Ho ho ho."

Ma and Pa realize that unless they want an unhappy Berty on their hands come Dec. 25 they will have to supply him with at least some of the goodies demanded. Chances are they will purchase these goodies from the same store.

Now it is the store manager's turn to let go with a hearty "Ho ho ho."

Little Berty has been taught that it is normal and part of Christmas to be avaricious. He has been shown that the pleasure of giving is overshadowed by the joy of getting. Giving becomes and obligation and thus unfavorable.

St. Nick devalues the spirit of Christmas because he has become a commercial tool rather than a representative of a charitable ideal.

Ric Dolphin

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Years roll back to 1800s at St. Johns Studies Centre

By BILL RADUNSKY

Visitors to one Christmas craft program in this area would have trouble remembering that the year is 1975.

For the years are rolled back at the St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre. Materials available around a home in the 1800s, a school house which is about 175 years old, and music are the ingredients of this Christmas carols and crafts program for children.

The program, available to local schools only, is sponsored by the Niagara South Board of Education. The centre offers eight other programs throughout the year, says Mrs. M. J. Baerg, centre secretary, including "a complete range of outdoor studies for grades ranging from kindergarten to Grade 13.

The centre is built on only one acre of land owned by the centre. Outdoor programs, therefore, are conducted on private property and provincial parks. The centre has an agreement with the landowners that it will use the land only on school days and only with school children.

This is the third year for the month-long Christmas program which, Mrs. Baerg said, was hastily put together the first year and has been revised.

The program pamphlet says the purpose of this program "is that the students should enjoy singing carols in an interesting and stimulating environment and further engage in creating Christmas type crafts or decorations which can be taken home and displayed over the festive season."

The building used for the craft making is a small old school house which has been dated back to at least 1804. The building was restored in 1973 under a Winter Works program.

On Dec. 3 the old school was visited by a Grade 2 class from Glendale Public School in Welland. They were brought in by their teacher Mrs. Nancy Thomas.

The children were first shown a film, Christmas at Black Creek Pioneer Village, about Christmas customs and traditions in early Upper Canada.

Then, with pine cones as the main staple, they made little snowmen and listened to Christmas carols.

Brock U. seminar helps mature students

About 60 mature students attended a morning seminar at Brock University on Saturday, Nov.15 designed to help returning students adjust to their unique problems.

The seminar was divided into three sections: time use conflicts and planning; seminars and essays; and exams. Discussions followed lectures on each topic. Counselling centre director Dr. Marilyn Wendland led the morning programs.

The most common problem mature students have is learning to balance the demands of job, family and school. Students were urged to use a questionnaire to assess their needs, ignore the unimportant and concentrate on jobs that must be done. A sympathetic family is a big help here. Some students had found themselves trying to do three full-time jobs at once.

Seminars, essays and exams can be frightening after a long absence from school. The seminar handout listed steps and helps to use for each.

Two former Niagara College students, now at Brock, Joyce Emery and Pat Nicol, were pleased with the seminar and said they would have found a similar program at Niagara very helpful.

'Twas...

'Twas just before Christmas
And all through the school,
All the students were singing
And playing the fool.

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All the teachers were screaming,
"Put away that there beer,"
And the students, they answered,
"Blow it out your ear!"

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So what is the use,
All the teachers decided,
They picked up a bottle
And they too, imbibe-ed.

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Our president, old Dennis,
On seeing the bedlam,
Exclaimed, "Oy vay!"
"Was it like this in Bethle'em?"

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The college was moving,
It really was swell,
Until prez Manera
Said, "Hey, what the Hell?"

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"Everyone go home,
The term is now over,
And don't you come back
Until you're all sober!"

MARK TESSIER

FA wins Niagara News lounge decorating contest

Decoration of the second floor lounge by first-year Fashion Arts students brought them the honors in the annual Niagara News lounge Christmas decorating contest. Judges for the event were Ogwen Glyn-Jones, chairman of communication arts; George A. Blazetich, chairman of liberal studies, and Paul Johns, interior design instructor.

It was a close second for the Social Science students who decorated the third floor lounge in the Simcoe building. Judges liked the simplicity of this decor.

And it was only a near-miss for Human Relations students who decorated the first floor lounge. The HR students took top honors last year in the Niagara News contest.

(Photos by Tessier)

PC's Horner deplores controls, guidelines

Jack Horner, MP for Crowfoot, and a candidate for the federal leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party brought his campaign to Niagara Falls Nov. 28.

Mr. Horner was the keynote speaker at the Niagara Falls Progressive Conservative Association's meeting to choose its delegates to the Tory leadership convention in Ottawa next February.

Calling for rejection of the Trudeau anti-inflation measures, Mr. Horner said the proposed federal controls are typical of the Trudeau strategy of "pitting one thing against another."

He said organized labor's revulsion against the controls is perfectly natural because the working man sees his wages tightly controlled while the prices of food, fuel, land, houses, and borrowing money are left untouched. Trudeau, therefore, had managed to pit labor against business and the government, making labor look the villain.

Mr. Horner said the Trudeau plan should be scrapped and, as the new Tory leader, he would introduce a three-pronged attack on inflation calling for increased production, a cut in government spending and reduced reliance on imported goods and commodities.

One of the major problems facing the new Tory leader is his party's poor showing in Quebec. "We start off 50 seats behind because of the Liberal stranglehold in Quebec," he said.

But Mr. Horner is optimistic about his party's chances in Quebec under his leadership. "We could win 14 seats under Jack Horner by good organization and saying the right thing," he said.

"But let's not lose 10 or 12 seats somewhere else in chasing the impossible in Quebec," he cautioned.

In the course of his leadership campaign, Mr. Horner has been criticized by party regulars for staffing his organization primarily with people from his home province of Alberta. He strongly rejected this saying, "Rather than a destructive force, I think I'm giving the P. C. party a tremendous shot by bringing in western people." He also pointed out that his campaign manager, Dick Bonneyeastle, is on the board of directors of the Toronto Star.

Mr. Horner said the mood of the Canadian public is changing and the time may now be right for a Tory victory at the polls. "I think the Conservative philosophy is the one that Canadians are searching for today," he said. He called this philosophy "the one that will put Trudeau out of business in 1978."

Film Board's Going Home arouses students' emotions

Change of identity and strong reactions were the norm for Niagara College students viewing the film, Going Home.

The film, dealing with communication between young people and parents, was brought to Niagara College for first year social service students and second year human relations students, by Burt Anderson, film distribution officer of the National Film Board.

He felt reaction to the film at Niagara was "great" and that the audience "really got into the subject matter."

A.M. Keith, social service program co-ordinator, who invited Mr. Anderson, also felt the students "really reacted."

Mr. Anderson had a discussion period after each of the three reels. At the end of the film the students divided into groups, with each member taking the role of one of the family members in the film. Afterwarus, they gathered together to relate what went on in the discussion groups.

This is the second year the film has been shown here.

The film evolved in 1973 when one member of a family decided to do a film on the communication — or lack of — in his family. The film is not a dramatization but an actual family in real life conditions.

Mr. Anderson has personally given about 140 showings of the film throughout Canada. The film, however, has been distributed to various educational centres and has therefore had a great many more, he said.

Mr. Anderson feels the really strong point of the film is the discussion it arouses from its audiences.

Students plan travel club

Niagara College may have a travel club, if the Student Administrative Council (SAC) gives the go ahead.

Janice Fox, second year travel student, proposed the idea at a SAC meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, saying, "the club would benefit the entire student body and the travel students."

Janice said one of the main objectives of the club would be to organize group tours and events for the student body, faculty and other clubs in the college. The club would involve tourism students and help them in gaining experience.

The club would have an executive consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and public relations person. The only positions that would require qualifications would be the president and the vice-president. Both of these positions would be filled by travel students.

Club meetings and travelogues would be held at main campus and the satellite campus in Niagara Falls.

Christian wins logo contest

Larry Christian, second year graphic arts student, was the $50 winner in a contest sponsored by the Niagara Falls Regional Real Estate Association.

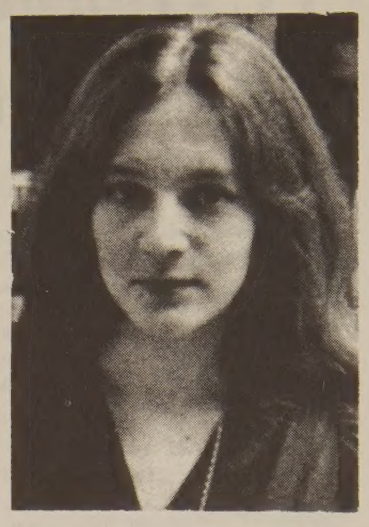
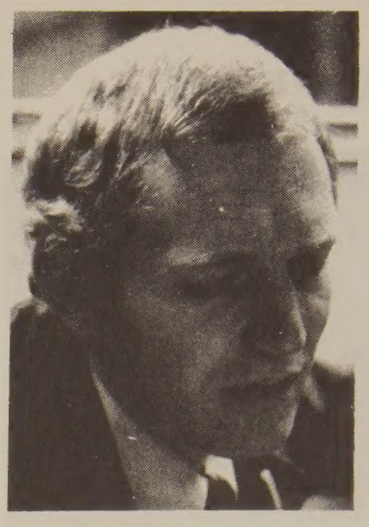
The contest to design a new logo for the association was open to second year graphic arts students. They worked on their own time, using only two colors.

Lorraine Griffin, publicity chairman of the association, was at Niagara College on Monday, Nov. 24, to present the money to Larry.

Rita Van Gelder, also a second year graphic arts student, placed second in the contest and won $25.

Roving Reporter

How do you feel about seat belts being made mandatory?

By ERIC BOWMAN AND ROB POTTER

Gene Nickel, 1st year Business Administration — "I think it's a good thing. Yea, I'm all for it."

Karen Walker, 1st year Fashion Arts "No I don't like it. It will be pretty hard to enforce anyway, especially on the highways."

Jack Hutchinson, Vending machine serviceman — "I don't think they should be mandatory because I've heard of too many cases where people were seriously injured because of seat belts. But the arguments are good for and against them."

Carole Anne Benard, 2nd year Human Relations "I think it's okay. Like helmets for motorbikes, it's for your own safety."

Don Goudy advises students on consumers' rights today

Donald Goudy of the Consumer Protection Bureau in Toronto advised students of Niagara College, "If you don't know a man don't trust him."

Mr. Goudy was at the college Nov. 27 to make a television broadcast titles "It's Your Money" with Willard Wright, human relations instructor at Niagara.

Mr. Goudy joined the bureau in 1973 after 26 years as a reporter for the Toronto Daily Star. He started the "Help Wanted" column now the popular "Star Probe." The column is aimed to help the consumer who has problems with manufacturers.

Mr. Goudy also told consumers they should be their own best guide and be sure they're getting what they want.

"You have to compare. Don't take the word of the first person you talk to.

H warned the consumer to be wary of all telephone solicitors. He did not know of any legitimate charities that operate this year — "Don't hang up politely, bang the receiver down."

Last year the Consumer Protection Bureau, a branch of the Ministry of consumer and commercial relations, recovered $427,000 for consumers. Mr. Goudy suggested a person go to the bureau before seeking legal action, but go to the manufacturers first because they will usually take action towards helping the consumer. A company doesn't want to hurt its reputation.

Mr. Goudy said, "A consumer should always be wary about buying in his own home because he can't compare prices and he can't compare quality."

The Consumer Protection Act requires a contract to state description of the goods, credit terms, a warranty, if there is one, the name and address of the seller. A contract may be considered void if any of these are missing.

"Another thing most consumers don't realize is that if for some reason a person isn't happy with their purchase, they can cancel the contract if they act within two days by mailing a registered letter to the manufacturer," Mr. Goudy added. Phoning isn't good enough."

He stressed, "Never pay in advance, never." He said the consumer is covered by the Business Protection Act. The act restricts the seller from putting pressure on the consumer and deals with all selling tactics. Mr. Goudy referred to it as "the toughest legislation in the province."

The government is studying warranties and their validity in parliament and Mr. Goudy told consumers they can expect legislation is on the way covering these.

However he reminded consumers the government can only go so far — to help.

Fairest of them all

SAC to select N/C queen for Winter Carnival

By DAVE KINDY

A search to find the fairest of them all will be the objective of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) upon its return from the Christmas holidays.

Adam Macsai, SAC executive vice-president, said the council decided in its Nov. 24 meeting to find a Niagara College queen to represent the school in the Winter Carnival and other events.

"We are going to be running a contest to find a queen and we will be accepting nominations when the student body gets back to school after Christmas," he said. "The contest extends to all full-time students at the satellite campuses as well as the main campus."

Adam said the contest will start shortly after school resumes in January and there will be no limit to the number of nominations which may be submitted. After a three-week entry period, a panel of judges will chose five finalists, from which the winner will be chosen later, he said.

The contestants will be judged on academic status, looks, personality, participation in student activities, and other points. The judges will be students and instructors, who do not know the nominees. They will interview the girls.

"More or less, the queen will be a representative of the college," Adam said. "She will represent the school in the Winter Carnival and other events. She will go to banquets and club organization meetings and she'll be the guest of honor, welcome wherever she goes."

Adam also said the queen will receive many benefits. SAC has already set aside money for the queen's bouquet of roses and is planning to get her a gift voucher. Adam said SAC will be trying to get local merchants involved by having them give gifts to the winner.

Milk and sandwiches

A petition is being circulated around the Simcoe Building asking for a trial installation of milk and sandwich vending machines in that building.

The petition, addressed to A. S. Aboud, director of student services, states that there are "times when we are too pressed to be able to run over to the cafeteria for these items."

The petition continues by asking if it is economically possible to install the machines, and whether it is possible to have them "on a trial basis."

Students produce quiz show

The radio-tv program at Niagara is producing a new high school television quiz show.

"We're calling the show the Young Canadians," said Mike Caron, a second-year student who is producing it.

The pilot was taped Dec. 4. The three participants were Sir Winston Churchill High School from St. Catharines, Stamford Collegiate from Niagara Falls and Centennial from Welland.

If the new show can be sold, Mr. Caron plans to apply for a Wintario grant to produce up to 13 shows.

Robert Welch, provincial minister of culture and recreation, was approached Nov. 19 at the provincial cabinet meeting at the college regarding Wintario funding.

"He told us to come and see him when we're ready and he'll see what he can do for us," Mr. Caron said. "We're hoping to get $5,000."

Mr. Caron said cable companies may be interested in buying the show if they like the pilot.

If the pilot is sold, the students will produce a series of 13 shows using 27 area high school teams in a double knockout tournament.

Enrolment increase shown

Enrolment showed increases in all areas at Niagara College, with post-secondary full-time enrolment being the "largest of any Ontario college outside of Toronto."

This was revealed in the Report of the President (A.S. Manera) of Niagara College to the Board of Governors on Nov. 27.

The increase in post-secondary full-time enrolment as of Oct. 15 has risen from 2,166 last year to 2,410 this year, an increase of 11.3 per cent.Only Humber and Centennial colleges of Toronto had larger numerical growth than Niagara, the report said.

Increase in enrolment at all colleges was 5.8 per cent or 58,236 this year compared to 55,038 last year.

Niagara, the report says, had to turn away in excess of 340 students who actually met the school's requirments.Even this figure is an understatement since the college communicated with local secondary schools, once the enrolment quota was nearly reached, telling them "to discourage further applicants to these programs."

In retraining, enrolment went from 358 last year to 619 (full-time) as of Oct. 31, said the report, with 120 students on an enrolment waiting list.

Twenty per cent, to date, is the increase shown in the part-time extension enrolment.

"Overall extension enrolment for this year is estimated to exceed 11,000 registrations, compared to 9,190 last year," the report said. In this area, business showed a 30 per cent increase with the School of Applied Science and Technology showing a 25 per cent increase.

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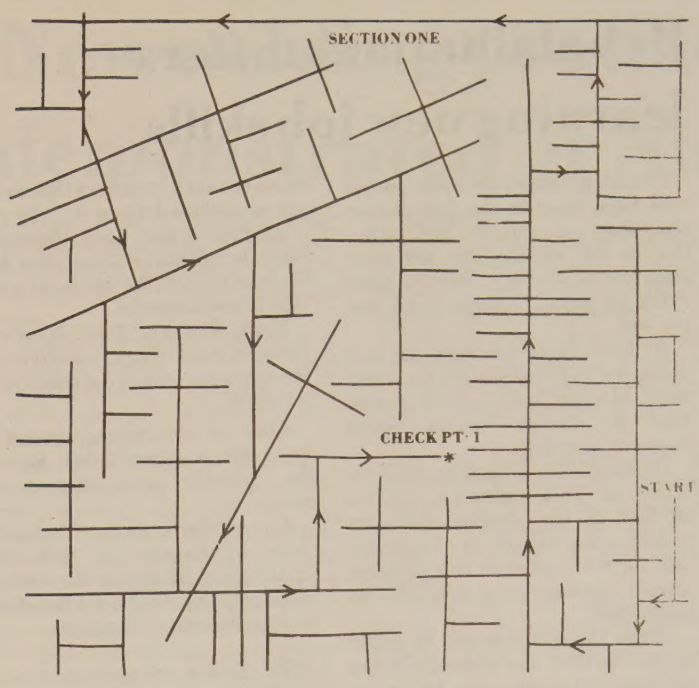

Just follow this simple map — and you, too, can be a car rally winner!

Death-defying rally on Niagara backroads

By DAVE KINDY

In death-defying fashion, the first annual Radio and Television Car Rally will go down in the annals of racing history alongside Le Mans, Baja and the "Backroads of Morocco."

The rally, devised by three second year radio and television students, was a gruelling 70-mile-long torture test through the backroads of Niagara Nov. 23. Only four cars out of 16 finished.

Tom Pagonis and Jerry Salfi, two technicians in instructional television services, won first place honors in the race which took more than 4½ hours to complete.

The idea for the race came from Ruth Scott, Drew Kinnear and Ron McFarland and was originally intended to be a class exercise.

The race route was funny, too. And the instructions—which could have boggled the minds of even the most experienced rally drivers.

"It started in a funny way," Ruth said. "We were given an assignment to think up an idea to tape for TV. Ron suggested that we hold a car rally and tape it.

"We realized that it would be a little difficult to do as an assignment but we decided to hold it anyway. Nobody wanted to junk the idea. Everybody's eyes kind of lit up at the mention of a car rally."

Contestants had to answer riddles, find their way through a maze and follow instructions from a "blank" map to get to the finish line. They started at Niagara College and went through Effingham, Fonthill, West 'Lincoln, St. Catharines, Thorold and finally finished back in Welland at Chippawa Park. Or, at least, that's what they were supposed to do. The reason for only four finishers was that the others got lost.

"I thought the course was pretty easy," Ruth said. "We tried not to make the route hard. Apparently, not everyone thought it was as easy as we did."

Tom and Jerry did not let the conglomeration of instructions confuse them. Finishing the race in just over three hours, they beat the last finisher by an hour and a half and missed a perfect score of 100 by two points.

It was the first rally together for the two known as the "Cat and Mouse" team. Tom, the more experienced with second, third and fourth place finishes in other rallies, was the driver. Jerry, in his first rally, was the navigator.

"Knowing the area and co-operation between the driver and the navigator were some of the reasons for our success," said Tom. "My past rally experience and Jerry shouting, 'Turn here. No, I mean there,' were also reasons."

Tom described the course as "interesting—one of the better ones I have been on."

"It wasn't really dangerous," he added. "You're usually going the speed limit. Unless, of course, you're making up for lost time."

Knights win second straight

Niagara's basketball Knights won their second straight league game with an 83-60 victory over Centennial College in Toronto, Nov. 28.

After leading 31-28 at the half the Knights came on strong in the second half and put the game on ice. Dave Zalba led the Niagara attack, scoring 20 points, hitting 10 of 16 shots from the fields for an amazing 63 per cent.

Niagara's scoring was spread out, with five players in double figures: Zalba, 20; Brian Johnson and Mike Soucie with 14 each; Wayne Wiese had 12; and Tom Boese netted 10.

Coach Peter Rylander said he was pleased with his team's progress, saying, "They're playing better all the time."He feels the Knights are starting to "gel" and reach some sort of peak, which is good, because if they are to reach the post-season play-downs, they are going to have to continue their winning ways.

Offence clicks, defence falters as Knights tie Lakers 6-6

The Niagara Knights hockey team skated to a 6-6 tie with the Niagara-on-the-Lake Lakers in an exhibition game on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Welland Arena.

The Lakers are a junior "B" team but they didn't impress anybody with their performance, although they did look as if they might run away with the game when they jumped to a 2-0 lead at 9:31 of the first period. The Knights applied the pressure for the remainder of the period and many chances to take the lead but settled for a tie on goals by Tom MacLean and Bob Stuart. The Knights outshot the Lakers 21-6 in the period.

The Knights, as in many of their games, were flying in the second period. They scored twice before the Lakers replied. The Knights made it 5-3 but had many chances to increase their lead. Two more goals by the Lakers in the last five of the period tied the score at the end of the second. The Knights should have been up by at least two goals at this point.

Coach Fred Bassi shuffled his lines from previous games in an effort to get more scoring punch and balance but Niagara still isn't playing well defensively.

The Knights fell behind 6-5 despite more scoring opportunities. They tied the game at 11:49 on a goal by Dave Fast.

Bassi had to be pleased with the play of Jim "The Goolder" Goold who played his first game of the season filling in for team captain Ron Snider who is out with mononucleosis.

Knights outshot the Lakers 51-37 on the game.

SPORTS

Cagers gain first victory, crush Georgian by 24 points

Niagara got on the winning trail with an 83-59 win over Georgian College from Barrie Nov. 22. The win was the basketball Knights first season victory and their first since Oct. 17.

The Knights had little trouble with the hapless Georgian team as they controlled both backboards. Coach Peter Rylander was able to substitute freely throughout the game, giving some of the players with less experience much-needed playing time.

Although the Knights are 1-4 in season play, Coach Rylander thinks the Niagara cagers still have a good shot at reaching the playoffs.

"If we can go the rest of the way to Christmas without a loss, then we'll be right in there," he said.

However, this means beating St. Calir, to whom the Knights lost 86-78 in Windsor.

The Knights are in a powerhouse division with Mohawk of Hamilton, and St. Clair, and only two of the three teams will qualify for post-season games.

Leading scorers in the Georgian game were Mike Soucie with 22, Brian Johnson, 14, and Dave Zalba, 10. Georgian scorers were led by Tom Sylvester and George Botma, who had 10 each.

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Niagara College's chapter of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) has scheduled a Christmas dance for tomorrow, Dec. 12.

Entrance to the dance is by invitation only with entertainment by Mr. Music. Food and drink will be provided by the club.

Dress for the dance is casual and it begins at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Black Walnut building.

Tickets, for IEEE members and their guests only, cost $2 per couple and $1.50 for singles.

Gordon Chen, IEEE's faculty advisor, said the dance "is mainly a club function. We felt it might be good to have one activity which is purely recreational."

Organized by the club's program chairman Ray Brown, second-year electronic technician, this will be the first dance held by IEEE.

Mr. Chen said the organizers hope to expand the dance next year.

Death and dying Feb. seminar topic

Second year Social Services students are organizing a seminar on Death and Dying to be held Feb. 13 at Niagara College.

Dr. W. Imara of Brandeis University, Massachusetts, will be the speaker at the seminar.

"Invitations will be issued to social workers, medical personnel, undertakers, school services personnel and members of the psychiatric field," Murdoch Keith, program co-ordinator, said.

Those invited will be from across the Niagara peninsula as far as Hamilton.

"Last year's students did a terrific job drawing about 120 people while they expected about 100. The topic last year was Reality Therapy," Mr. Keith said.

"We shouldn't have any difficulty attracting that many or more this year."

NANCY GOODFELLOW

Former student now teaching

Nancy Goodfellow, a graduate of the theatre arts course, is the costume designer at the theatre centre, taking over for Joan Davies, an instructor on sabbatical.

After graduating in 1972, Miss Goodfellow went to the Banff School of Fine Arts for two seasons, to the University of Alberta in a staff position within the drama department, to Theatre New Brunswick in Federation and then to Europe for three months.

"It was strange and interesting coming back as a teacher," she said. Miss Goodfellow siaid she enjoyed teaching, but she said it would be hard to choose between a career in teaching or in the theatre.

"Although I have more time to do what I want here (as a teacher)," she said, "I don't think I could do one thing for the rest of my life.

Construction continues on the new electronics and business wing.

Construction superintendent pilot program at Niagara

By ROB POTTER

Eleven Niagara College students are acting as "guinea pigs" for a pilot program designed to improve their chances of becoming construction superintendents — a position of high responsibility in the construction industry.

The program — Construction Superintendents Development Program (CSDP) — began last spring to combine theoretical college training with practical experience in the field. It was set up by the Ontario General Contractors Association (OCGA) and Niagara College.

A student from a community college course might otherwise never reach the position of construction superintendent according to Rex Timms, president of a local contracting company and driving force behind the CSDP.

"A graduate of a college construction technician program is not likely to become a superintendent without it (CSDP)," he said. "In a college they receive the theoretical training, but they have to have the outside training. Without it they would probably get pushed into other jobs like designing, drafting and selling."

Besides their regular Construction Engineering Technology classes the students take other courses geared towards training them as construction superintendents during the five-year CDSP period (which includes three years at Niagara). They must also pass two government examinations testing their knowledge of everything from construction safety to mathematics, construction layout and welding.

Because of the lack of a woodworking shop at Niagara the students had to travel to Mohawk College in Hamilton every Saturday during the first 10 weeks of this term for additional training in hand and power tools — a vital part of the CSDP's training.

With the extra knowledge the students are gaining in CSDP, Mr. Timms said they may be able to start taking on "smaller superintendent jobs" after one or two years following graduation from the program.

Without CSDP the student would have to attend night courses and gain "about 10 years " experience in the construction field before he could be considered for a position such as construction superintendent.

"Of course the amount of experience these students will need depends on their ability," he said. "They can't just go out and immediately become construction superintendents."

But, he adds, Niagara's students will have a better chance because of CSDP.

Hans Miethig, Niagara's Construction Engineering Technology program co-ordinator, said so far acceptance of the program by professional construction companies has been "very good."

He said he had difficulty when he began seeking placement for his students last spring. "We now have 16 companies, from all over Ontario, who have indicated a willingness to hire our boys," he said.

Students involved in the pilot said so far they have found it worthwhile and interesting.

Bill Bacon, third-year Construction Engineering Technology, said even the Saturday classes "provided a lot of motivation" for him in taking the CSDP course.

Rehabilitation staffers learning new job skills

There's nothing new about people who have been in the job market returning to school, but when they're still on the job and their employer sends them back for some extra job skills, it can be hard, but fun too.

At least that's the way 24 staff members from homes for the mentally retarded look at their classes held at Niagara College every Tuesday morning.

Graham Pett, a staff member at N-tec in Port Colborne, and a student in the Human Relations course being taught to the group, said he got started in the program after it was mentioned to him by his employers.

"They thought it would be useful to me," he said, and although he has not been in the class long he agreed it would be useful.

"Because it's human relations-dealing with other people — it helps us in our work. There's also a lot of interplay between the different staffs, so it's pretty helpful to everyone," said Graham.

The course was started in September and so far has involved English and psychology courses and the Human Relations course which began Nov. 25.

Although only seven people enrolled in the English class and 10 to 15 in the psychology course, 24 persons are in the Human Relations course.

Gail Hilyer, chairperson of Niagara's Applied Arts Extension Division, said the growth was the result of the quality of the courses and the interest of both the students and the course.

"We're excited about it because, firstly, their employers let them off work for the morning to come down here, which shows it must be of value to them, and secondly, because the staff members themselves are so enthused about it," she said.

At first it had been planned to start the human relations class after Christmas, but the students asked that it begin sooner.

Henk Blokzyk, from Westwood Residence in Pelham, is a director of the course as well as a student in the program.

After a committee formed to begin the program failed, he took the initiative and started the course.

A journalist in Holland before he came to Canada in 1969, Mr. Blokzyk said he enjoys the work he is doing in the Westwood Residence and the classes at Niagara.

"The classes are perfect. I really enjoy them," he said.

Human Relations instructor Sue Lowenberger was hired by the college to teach the course.

She is head of Lowenberger and Associates, a local company that helps people organize and develop job skills and function and work together in groups.

She enjoys teaching the rehabilitation centre staffs, she said, and finds it "a real challenge."

"I really look forward to teaching these classes," she added. "It's my first chance to train trainers of people who have an obvious learning disability."

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New welding product demonstrated at Niagara

A new product that may bring changes to the welding industry was demonstrated in Niagara College's Voyageur Block Foundry (V 14) last week.

The product, Hobart Brothers of Canada's Linear 1 Wire Feed Welding System, is the result of six years of research and experiments by the company.

Dave Fink, Hobart Brothers product manager for the Woodstock, Ont., branch, said although the Linear 1 system is not a new idea—it was first concocted in 1948—it is the first wire-fed system adaptable for industrial or construction welding use.

It features a lightweight, portable generator that feeds from almost any welding power source. With additional lengths of the 25-foot hose, the gun can be used efficiently up to 100 feet from the main power source.

With older wire-fed systems the operator had to work within 16 feet of the power source, making it impossible to use the system for welding on trucks or construction sites where the operator would have to drag the heavy power source around with him.

The Hobart system can be used with either aluminum or steel and Mr. Fink told a member of the audience who viewed the demonstration that it could probably be adapted for copper. Also, with a couple of minor changes, a single Linear 1 can be changed from steel to aluminum.

Selling at about $2,500 (without the main power source) the Hobart system is based on the principle of Metal Inert Gas (Mig) welding.

Wire is fed through the hose into a 10-ounce magneto-like motor and screwed counter-clockwise through a series of grooves and out into the hose.

Mr. Fink told the audience the new motor replaces the 28-pound motor used on the older welding systems. This adds to Linear 1's mobility because of the lighter weight.

Finding the right motor, according to Mr. Fink, was the key to Hobart's success in developing the Linear 1.

He said the system is geared for .045 gauge wire, but because that size was not available for the demonstration he used a larger gauge successfully.

Since its release to the market late last year, 200 Linear 1 systems have been sold in Canada.

Next month Hobart plans to release Linear 5, an enlarged, heavier gauge version of the present product.

The demonstration was set up by George Kovacs, Niagara College welding instructor, after Hobart asked to use Niagara's foundry for the demonstration.

Sixteen representatives from area companies were invited to view the demonstration and all were present. Some even tried out the new system for themselves.

Reg Cloutier of Seaway Plate and Structural Steel Ltd. of Welland, said, "It's a very good system. We don't use much aluminum in our operation but we're very interested in seeing the new systems."

Dave Churchill of Inco Research of Port Colborne said, "It's a very impressive piece of equipment," although he felt the price tag may be a drawback to the system's practicability.

Ray Geis of Niagara Falls Unit Rig and Equipment Company said Hobart is headed in the right direction. Although his firm has no immediate use for Linear 1, it will "take a good look" at the larger Linear 5 model which, he said, would be more practical for them.

Mr. Kovacs said Niagara College has already ordered the Linear 1 and expects to be using it in classes by September, 1976.

Excavation uncovers treasure of bottles

By CAROL MCKNIGHT

More than dirt has been turned up during excavation of the 5.2 acre wooded area opposite Hennepin Hall. Buried treasures are being uncovered and George Chipman, secretary of the Welland Historical Society, isn't letting them go unnoticed.

These treasures are not chests of pirate gold, but bottles—bottles ranging in size,shape, age and color. They are not of great monetary value but are priceless to a bottle collector like Mr. Chipman who has some 300 on display in his own home.

The area is being excavated as a result of an $11,925 Local Initiatives Program (LIP) grant to a neighborhood group to turn it into a nature park. At one time a farm house stood on the corner of Rice and Woodlawn roads with a dump just behind the house. It is where the dump was located that the bottles which are between 50 and 100 years old have been turning up.

"I hit the heart of the dump immediately," Mr. Chipman said. More treasures were turned up in the first few digging expeditions than have been turned up altogether since those first ones.

Mr. Chipman explained that the dump is no longer one of garbage, but one where the garbage has disintegrated through the years and only bottles, a few pipes and children's toys remain to be found.

Bottles made in Welland are being turned over to the Historical Society; Mr. Chipman is keeping the rest. One Welland-produced bottle was made by A. J. J. Brennan Pharmacy which Mr. Chipman said was in business about 50 years ago.

"Eventually when they get a museum they will have something to show," said Mr. Chipman, speaking of the bottles he is giving to the Historical Society.

Knowing the age of a bottle isn't hard, Mr. Chipman said. Until 1910 bottles were made in two separate parts. First the bottle itself was made and then the rim or top part of the bottle was put on. These bottles have seams running up one side and usually the rim is very crude.

Those made before 1875 have "pottle marks" in the bottom—where iron rods used to shape the bottles were pulled out.

Because of graders at work in the area, Mr. Chipman said he was unable to look everywhere in the area for bottles. Mr. Chipman and two friends have been digging in the area for about a month and expect to continue their digging for some time. They were given permission to dig by the Historical Society and by the college.

New ITS technician starts work on Jan. 5

They've been 10 months of trouble and frustration for Instructional Television Services, hampered by too few technicians, but their troubles appear to be over.

Tony Adams, maintenance supervisor in the University of Toronto media centre, will come to Niagara College Jan. 5 to become TV services new operations supervisor. Before this he worked for eight years in Britain with two television stations, ATV and TV Wales.

He will be a welcome addition to the staff for Keith Lindberg, coordinator, who has spent months searching for the right man.

"This will bring things back to normal and enable us to keep things going," Mr. Lindberg said.

TV Services has two responsibilities: to maintain all radio and TV facilities at the Welland campus and the Mack and Niagara Falls Nursing Centres, including radio-television's new color equipment; and to produce TV programs for faculty, staff and "whenever possible, the community."

Our top priority is our first responsibility. We have to maintain the radio and TV facilities. With the short-handed situation we were unable to do this and had to reduce our program production."

Television services have been understaffed due to two resignations of technicians, one in February and the other in July.

Mr. Lindberg's troubles in finding replacements have been twofold: an apparent shortage of the right kind of people, and discovery that he wasn't offering enough money.

Response to newspaper and magazine advertisements indicated that the industry is having problems finding people with broadcast experience, Mr. Lindberg said. Advertisements brought several applicants "but none with the experience we were looking for."

Mr. Lindberg hired a technician in September and, when radio and television added their new color equipment this year, he decided to hire an operations supervisor, a position which has been vacant for three years.

After four months without suitable applicants and a discussion with people in the industry, "we realized that we weren't offering enough money."

"The administration responded well," he added. "They realized we needed more money and gave it to us."

This was also the reason Niagara College has not had an operations supervisor for some time. TV services did without and hired an extra technician instead.

Weekend proves busy for Theatre Centre

It's a busy weekend for the Theatre Centre with Don't Listen Ladies just ending and The Commune and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves just beginning.

Don't Listen Ladies has been presented by the Press Theatre at Brock since last Friday. Niagara's Theatre Centre is handling the technical end, including lighting, sets, costumes and sound.

The play is a boulevard comedy in the 1940s and David Staples, program co-ordinator of theatre arts, says it is a "real class play."

The Commune, which will be done at the Theatre Centre in Welland, will run from Dec. 14 to 17. The play written by Marcia Pircator in 1968 is a true story about modern leaders. Slide projections and music are an integral part of the play.

This showing of the Commune will be its Canadian premiere.

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves is a children's production based on the famous Arabian Nights stories. Hundreds of children saw it at the Theatre Centre last month. It is to be at the College of Education Theatre from Dec. 15 to 20.

TB needle for students on Jan. 5

First year Niagara College students can expect a shot in the arm on registration day as tests for tuberculosis will be taken.

Marian Kerr, college nurse, said a TB clinic will be set up either in the gymnasium or in one of the rooms of the MacKenzie building on Jan. 5.

"We're trying to make sure that every first year student has had a TB test or chest x-ray," said Mrs. Kerr.

Dr. J.N. Burkholder, medical officer for the Niagara region, suggested to the college that a clinic be set up because there have been a large number of active TB cases lately.

Mrs. Kerr said she expected about 600 students will take the test on registration day and that others would probably have them done over the Christmas holiday.

One of the unique things about the clinic is that the students themselves will be asked to fill out cards and return them the next day. Boxes will be set in the halls of all the buildings for the students to drop off their cards, or they may be returned to the health centre.

'Having My Baby'

Just to prove the world is really going insane, this item appeared in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe and Mail:

"Down in Tallahassee, Fla., as revealed in a small story yesterday, a Baptist gentleman has made the greatest discovery of all time in the field of birth control. Rev. Charles Boykin is burning phonographs records because, as he explained, he has statistics which show that out of 1,000 girls who became pregnant out of wedlock, 984 did it while listening to rock music."

Student claims Graphic Arts deprived

Heather Markham, first year graphic arts student, is up in arms over a shortage of equipment in the graphic arts department.

"Our course is the poorest and most deprived of all the courses in the school," she said. "To do the high quality work they expect us to do we just haven't got the equipment."

Heather said proper and more equipment was badly needed to carry out the type of work required. She said courses such as interior design, fashion arts, journalism, and radio-tv all have good equipment to work with, while graphic arts, "the third largest art of North America," had only the bare essentials.

One of her biggest beefs was the drafting boards the students have to pay for themselves. They cost about $32 each. The tables used for drafting tables are not real drafting tables, she said, but wooden desks. As well, graphic art students are required to pay a lab fee of $40.

Ron Rewbury, graphic arts program co-ordinator, agreed with Heather but said little could be done because of a lack of money.

Another complaint Heather had was the number of thefts that take place in the graphic arts section of the Black Walnut building. "It's almost like the slum area of the college," she said. "People will wander into the graphic arts rooms and just take things."

She said part of the reason for the high number of thefts in their department was because it was close to the cafeteria, and people went right through the graphic arts department to reach the cafeteria.

Mr. Rewbury said the graphic arts department did not have all the equipment it wanted but added "we can't do anything about it because of the money.

"The board is already aware of it," Mr. Rewbury said, speaking of the lack of better equipment, "and we're aware. We're always overcrowded but so are a lot of other courses."

Mr. Rewbury agreed with Heather that there were a large number of thefts in the department and that much of this problem could be blamed on their nearness to the cafeteria.

Mr. Rewbury said there is now a one-to-one ratio between students and equipment. He said there is not enough equipment but understood the college is unable to buy new equipment now.

Speaking of the drafting tables, Mr. Rewbury said, "We hope eventually to get the ones we have replaced. We're short of equipment all around."

SPECIAL DINNER

In Finland, the Christmas season leads up to a special Christmas dinner. The dinner traditionally consists of a prepared fish dish called *lipeakala*, baked ham, a cassarole of stewed prunes and mashed turnips and a rice porridge for dessert.

Dismal road trip plagues Knights

By ERIC BOWMAN

The Niagara Knights hockey team completed a disastrous three game road trip on Nov. 29 without picking up a single point.

The Knights' three losses left them winless in their last six games and losers of their last five.

The Knights had the tough task of playing three road games in four days. For coach Fred Bassi that was no excuse.

"Sure it's tough but all other teams have to do the same thing," Bassi said.

The Knights opened their road trip to Kitchener Nov. 26 against Conestoga. Niagara defeated the Condors 7-2 in the season opener but couldn't do anything right this time out. Conestoga defeated Niagara 6-4 for their first win of the year. The Knights led 2-1 after the first period and 3-1 early in the second but had to settle for a 4-4 tie after two periods.

Niagara ran into a flurry of penalties as the third period opened and these proved costly as the Condors opened a 6-4 lead and continuously out-hustled the Knights. Try as they might, the Knights couldn't score because of brilliant Conestoga goaltending. Niagara goalie Doug Radelja was outstanding in the nets as he kept Conestoga from moving further ahead. The Knights pulled their goalie in an attempt to score but were stymied by the Condors.

Coach Bassi was disappointed by his team's performance. "We were over confident and they had more desire to win. We stunk the place out."

Radelja's goaltending and a shorthanded goal by Doug Ness were the only bright spots for the otherwise lack-lustre Knights.

The next night Niagara was in Oakville to play the tough Sheridan Bruins.

"They have to rank with St. Clair as the best in the league," Bassi said.

The Bruins skated off with an 8-4 victory. The Knights were never really in the game, trailing 3-1 after the first and 5-3 at the end of two.

For the Knights, Bob Stuart was the top gun scoring a hot trick while centre Bob Tysen scored his second shorthanded goal of the season after he stole the puck from a Sheridan defenceman.

The Knights played better hockey than they did against Conestoga but were playing a much better team. George Hicks and Rick Marshall played well on defence in spite of the eight goals scored.Pat Flynn also played a strong game throwing his weight around in the corners.

The Knights next game was Saturday Nov. 29 against Humber in Toronto. The weary Knights played well until the third period when Humber outscored the Knights 5-1 to dump Niagara 7-2. Humber scored three goals in the first three minutes of the period to ice the victory. Humber carried the play to the Knights and wound up with a 52-27 margin in shots on goal. It was sensational goaltending by Howard Goetz that kept the game close. Niagara's goals were scored by Doug Ness and Darte Miller.

The Knights were missing Bob Stuart, Ron Snider and Jerome Coakley for the contest.

If there was any consolation for the loss it came when Fred Bassi called Humber "the best team in Toronto.

Revenue Canada

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ered by the federal controls, they are *morally* bound to abide by the rules and accept an increase of 10 per cent and no more.

"Every Canadian is covered by the guidelines," said the fourth Revenue Canada official who came on the line to try and answer our question. "They're asking for compliance from every Canadian."

Canadians outearn U.S. workers

Canadian workers are earning more than their American counterparts and the effect is going to be harmful to Canadian industry, according to M.L. Garland, executive director of the industry branch of Ontario's Ministry of Industry and Tourism.

In an informal, off-the-cuff speech to members of Niagara College's chapter of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, he said workers in Canada are paid as much as 25 cents an hour more than those in the U.S.

He also pointed out Canadian textile workers as higher wage earners than Americans in the same industry.

Answering another question from the audience about the strength of the Canadian chemical industry, Mr. Garland said it was very strong.

He said there are 700 persons working in the oil and oil-related industries for every two persons who work in a service station.

He told the audience that if this pace is maintained the chemical industry will always be strong in Canada.

Mr. Garland had been invited to the college to speak on the state of Ontario industry.

He said the Ministry of Tourism and Industry is constantly gauging the pattern of industry in Ontario and prepares reports and analysis to the provincial government.

Gordon Chen, faculty advisor for the IEEE, said Mr. Garland also offered to provide an expert from the ministry's electronics branch to speak at the college regarding the industry's present situation in the province.

Mr. Chen said he will finish reading a report by the expert and if he feels elaboration would be helpful to the students the invitation will be accepted.

Manera refutes criticisms of college system in speech

If the bus from St. Catharines to Niagara College is successful, expansion of a busing program could be in the offing, said A. S. Manera, president of the college.

Mr. Manera was speaking at a Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce dinner held at the Prince of Wales hotel Dec. 3.

With slides as a visual aid, Mr. Manera discussed the college system and gave some insights into the various programs offered.

He also took the opportunity to defend colleges against accusations of reduced productivity made by some newspapers and individuals. He pointed out that this year the college received $2,947 per full-time student compared with $2,948 a few years ago.

Even with a dollar less and with the decreased value of the dollar, he said Niagara still produces much sought-after graduates.

"If that isn't an increase in productivity," he concluded, "I don't know what it is."

He also said that special interest hobby courses have been criticized as unjustifiable courses using college funds.

To this criticism Mr. Manera replied that last year these courses made the college $6,000.

The need for an improved transit system for Nigara was backed by an example. Mr. Manera said he was walking along a sidewalk at the college when a car pulled to a stop beside him.

A girl opened the window and said she had been around the parking lot three times and still could not find a place to park. Mr. Manera said the only solution he could offer her was to park on the street—an undesirable situation.

SAC increase

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ed, however, it must first be approved by the student body. If the consensus of the students is negative, then the increase will not go through, Dennis said.

The last honorarium increase for SAC came last year when seven SAC officers received an increase from $20 a month to the present $40.

In an interview last week, Den nis said the idea to give certain SAC officers raises was his alone and the rest of the executive knew nothing of his intentions until the SAC meeting Dec. 1.

"It's more like my own personal opinion," he said. "The others knew nothing of it.

"These people are underpaid, though. Many of them devote a lot of time and effort for the money they get, which isn't enough. I personally feel they deserve an increase."

Dennis said that one of the reasons he wants the increases is because SAC is making money this year.

"We haven't paid December's bills yet, but it looks as if we'll have a $6,000 surplus for this year. All the other SACs have lost money before. I don't think the proposed increase, by doing this, is going to break the back of the students—or the government."

SAC vs satellites

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were given $400 more — the exact amount they had requested. There are 350 nurses in the two nursing schools under college administration.

She said "They (SAC) were good to us. I feel that they were fair and we're satisfied so far."

Other than horticulture, only the School of Hospitality (formerly Hotel and Food Management) in Niagara Falls expressed any unhappiness with SAC so far.

Their representative, John Candeloro, said they had received about $1,500 from SAC but needed more because of "a severe lack of lounge facilities" at their campus.

Need $1,000

He said they had no chairs in their lounges and would need about $1,000 more to help pay for them.

At press time, the Hospitality case had not been presented to SAC.

John said if they didn't get the extra funds there would be a rather large rift between SAC and Hospitality. No pun intended.

The other satellites, Wellandvale in St. Catharines, is for retraining students and is subsidized by the government so it gets no SAC funds. According to Morris Bosey, faculty advisor to the Wellandvale SAC, they raise the main portion of their funds through draws, pubnights and other ventures they undertake on their own.

As we said, the solution seems to lie in the problem.

In other words, the satellites have to take their case to SAC. That means attending the general meeting—which seems to be one problem with horticulture—and going to the SAC executive members individually to discuss problems.

According to Dennis, representatives from Horticulture have attended only "one or two" SAC general meetings. He said Theatre Arts and nursing seemed to have been at the meetings very regularly.

It may or may not be coincidence that these are the two schools which said they were satisfied with SAC so far.

Dennis elaborated on his feelings towards the satellites in general and horticulture in particular.

"We realize they're a great distance from the main campus, but we didn't put them there. If they feel we didn't allocate them enough money they should come to us about it.

'Students, too'

"I'm open to give all I can, but the students have to give too. Not just monetarily, but with ideas and energy."

He added that SAC has no real strings on the money once the satellites get it.

"We give them the money, they're responsible for it. They have to keep records of course, but they have total control of it."

Dennis added that as far as he knew the satellites have been informed of all meetings and activities at the main campus and the only problem they could have with not getting to the meetings is transportation. But, he added, SAC cannot afford to pay for gas or buses needed to bring satellite representatives to the main campus.

He said he hoped all the satellites would attend the general meeting, but if they can't they should contact him so their problems can be worked out.

"It's fine for them to sit back and criticize me and council," he said. "They should come to the meetings and criticize us there. We can't go to them all the time and we can't know what problems they have if they don't come to us."

It seems the solution to this problem is only a meeting away — a meeting at which SAC and the satellites should air their grievances and work the solution out between them.

Both sides have good arguments but unless they get together—and soon—these problems will fester for a long time.

Students file petition to improve conditions

By BEV DELANEY

Hotel and Tourism students in Niagara Falls are petitioning the college president about lack of heat, poor lighting and dirty washrooms.

But D. M. Barnett, co-ordinator of hotel and restaurant administration, said there is a reasonable explanation for all the problems mentioned. The ideal solution would be quarters "personalized and styled to our use." The hotel school is operating in the Sheraton-Foxhead Inn.

Mr. Barnett was suprised the students felt it necessary to circulate a petition and had no knowledge of it. The petition is addressed to A. S. Manera, president of Niagara College.

The petition, first circulated Nov. 21, charges that washrooms are "unkept, dirty and missing necessary items—soap, towels and toilet tissue." Poor lighting and inadequate ventilation are said to exist in classrooms, particularly Room 109 and the Penthouse Lounge. They say the temperature varies from day to day. On Nov. 24, students wore coats in 55 degree chill and the following day, the temperature soared to 85 degrees in the Penthouse.

Another petition is posted on the school bulletin board. It is titled "A petition for more heat" and carried 20 signatures. Thirty-one of a possible 100 students signed the circulating petition on the first day.

Mr. Barnett pointed out that the school is not operated under ideal conditions but in an operating hotel.

"We have experienced difficulties with cleaning," said Mr. Barnett. Hotel cleaning staffs vary from day to day and cleaning is not necessarily done on a daily basis. The college's contract leaves cleaning responsibilities with the hotel. The matter has been referred to the hotel manager who has always been "very co-operative."

"You can imagine the abuse these rooms get from the students," Mr. Barnett said. Winter classrooms are summer hotel rooms and each has its own washroom. All washrooms were fully equipped at the beginning of the week, he said.Within three days, there were no towels, soap or toilet tissue.

"All classrooms are carpeted and the lighting is excellent," he said. There is no shortage of blackboards. Classrooms are cramped with more than 15 students attending but this is rare. There are 93 lockers for just over 100 students.

The temperature problems result from weather uncertainties at this time of year. Guests must be accommodated and it is a guessing game to determine when the air conditioner should be turned off and the heat on. Mr. Barnett is confident the problem is solved for the season.

The furniture in the lounges is "dreadful," Mr. Barnett said, but will soon be replaced. The college will spend about $800 for new furnishings. The Hospitality Club has rented a color TV for the lounge and is hoping to install some computerized games, according to club executive John Thomson.

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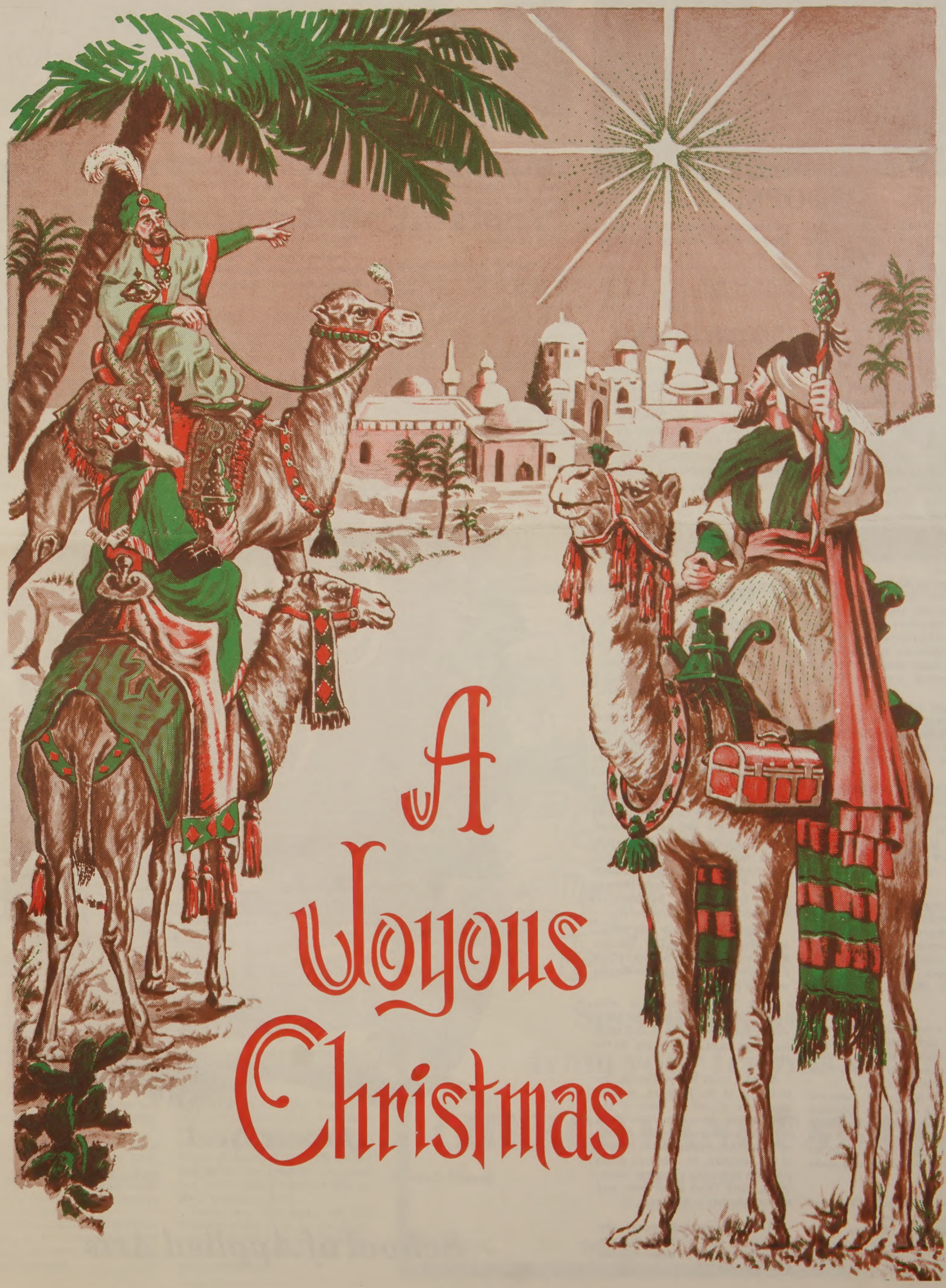

A Joyous Christmas

OOOPS!

When installing new sewer pipes just outside the Voyageur building two weeks ago, the unlucky driver of this backhoe had the soil cave in beneath him.(Photo by McKnight)

Two Christmases

One goes , one stays

By MARK TESSIER

Murray Smith and Marcus Hagesteign are from different worlds. Actually, they are from two different, far-away worlds, Bermuda and Holland.

Murray, a second-year electrical technician from the island country, is going home for Christmas. Although he says he has adjusted to the snow and ice of the Welland winter, he said he is looking forward to thawing out on his sun-drenched island home.

What kind of Christmas can you have without snow, you ask? A pretty good one, answers Murray.

"The atmosphere (of Christmas) is generated by the people," Murray says. Pine trees are imported to the island and many people have them in their homes over the holiday period.

The major points on the island have Christmas trees which are brightly decorated for all to see. "On a good night, you can see them for two or three miles," Murray said.

Christmas carols are also presented for public consumption, but in a different way. In Canada, carollers wander the streets singing their songs of joy, but in Bermuda carollers are put in a boat and sing the good news throughout the harbor.

The temperature in Bermuda at Christmas-time very rarely falls below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. One year the mercury dropped to 40 and the island residents nearly froze in the "cold spell."

Too bad, Murray. We sympathize.

Marcus, a first-year survey technician, is from Holland. Unlike Murray, he is remaining in Canada for Christmas, staying with his sister and brother-in-law.

Marcus is quiet and reserved when he talks about the upcoming holiday season. He is not sure what to expect while here, nor what he is going to do during the vacation. He would like to get a job and make some money.

When he talked about Christmas in Holland, his disposition brightened considerably. Marcus spoke with confidence as he explained some of the Christmas traditions from his native land.

In Holland, he explained, there are two Christmases. On Dec. 5 Santa Claus, or St. Nicolaas, arrives, much to the delight of the children for whom the day is meant. The other Christmas, Dec. 25, is a time for all members of the family.

Another difference in Marcus' eyes, is the Christmas tree. Although they are decorated in much the same way, the trees themselves are of a different variety, and the Dutch trees have longer, sharper needles.

Dutch Xmas comes early

By NELLY OOSTEROM
and INEKE VAN DOORN

"St. Nicolaas will be arriving at the canal from Spain at 3 o'clock." This announcement is placed in newspapers throughout Holland two weeks before St. Nicolaas Day.

That day, Dec. 5, is when Christmas is celebrated in the Netherlands. St. Nicolaas steps off the boat at the harbor, wearing a flowing white robe, a red cap and hat. His friendly face is framed by long white hair and a snowy beard.

His helper is by contrast entirely black. Black Peter walks alongside St. Nicolaas who rides a white horse. They lead a parade through town followed by hundreds of childrne.

Children are on their best behavior before St. Nicolaas Day, because if they're not they're put into Black Peter's black bag, which he carries over his shoulder.

Black Peter, dressed in wide black velvet pants and a black velvet hat, throws candy and small hard cookies called "mopjes" to the children.

About a week before Dec. 5, the birthdate of St. Nicolaas, wooden shoes are placed in front of the fireplace or stove. They are filled with hay and carrots for St. Nicolaas' horse. After midnight on the eve of his birthday, St. Nicolaas drops presents down the chimney. Meanwhile, Black Peter slides down and collects the hay and carrots.

Early the next morning the children get up to discover that the hay and carrots have been replaced with presents.

Christmas not happy for all, Care-line handles twice the calls

By ANGUS MIDDLEMISS

Christmas is a time of joy, laughter and happiness for most of us. For others it is a time of depression and loneliness.

Some people feel depressed and lonely during this season for two reasons. Perhaps they can't afford Christmas for their family or maybe they have no family or friends to celebrate the holiday festivities with.

These could be reasons why there is a "increase in the number of suicides during the Christmas season.

There are volunteer groups, world wide, attempting to help lonely and depressed people. The groups are known collectively as "Telephone Distress Centres".The distress centre in St. Catharines is called Care-line.

Care-line is a 24-hour-a-day telephone befriending service. The 10,000 to 15,000 calls received yearly deal with problems from drugs and sex to suicide.

Canon Peter Moore of St. Thomas' Anglican Church, co-ordinator of the 200-volunteer crisis centre, says there are more than the usual number of suicide calls at Christmas. He said most suicide calls come in the spring.

If the caller is lonely and hinting at committing suicide, the call is listed as a potential suicide. If there is specific talk of suicide, it is in the second category. The third category is for calls in which steps have already been taken to commit suicide.

If the caller has taken an overdose of sleeping pills, the volunteer tries to get the address. If the volunteer is unsuccessful, the call might have to be traced.

"If we feel that a life is in danger," Canon Moore said, "we will intervene."

He said there are some people who attempt suicide and are successful, but they don't call before they do it. The ones who do call don't really want to go through with it.

The highest percentage of calls are listed as lonliness.

Debbie, one of the pleasant-voiced volunteers, has worked there for about a year, and has only had one suicide call.

She explained the volunteer must stay calm, to make the caller calm down, try to get the person to talk and discuss the problem.

The late winter months when people can't get out to do anything are when Care-line gets most calls. The number of calls during Christmas doubles, she said, probably because people are seperated from their families.

When a suicide call is received it is marked down on a sheet under one of three categories, Canon Moore said.

Placement declines

Placement of Niagara College post-secondary graduates now stands at 91 per cent, other than nurses at 63 per cent, said A.S. Manera, president of Niagara, in his report to the Board of Governors on Nov. 27.

Mr. Manera said although this is not as high as last year, it is still good considering the present economic situation.

He attributed the lower percentage for nursing graduates to their later program completion date (July) and the "soft market." Many hospitals had to cut back staff, he said.

Mr. Manera said the problem in nursing placement may need consideration when looking at enrolment quotas in this area for next year.

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SAC executive wishes all a merry Christmas

Look for Oriental styles to dominate Christmas clothing, hair fashions

By LIZ GALLIGAN

Expect fashions with an international flair this holiday season. The Eastern influence has introduced new styles and color to the fashion scene.

Chinese and Moroccan styles will dominate Christmas fashions and the North American "layered look" along with Russian boots, will add to the diversity.

Tunics, caftans, kimonas, and spaghetti-strapped gowns, layered with cardigans, blazers, or shawls, are predicted to be the most popular fashions this Christmas, says Debbie Borley, a second year Fashion Arts student.

Wondering which colors will be "in"? Black, an all-time classic, will reign supreme, but the oriental tones of red, green, and blue will also be in vogue, she said.

Evening wear will stress femininity. Clinging gowns will mold the body, thin straps will bare the shoulders, and backs will be revealed by plunging "backlines". An alternative to the barely-there look will be sheath-like dresses with cowl necklines.

Debbie said fashions for daywear will be very natural. Pants and bulky sweaters, sweater sets, and calf-length skirts will be worn in colors ranging from beige to rust.

No fake jewelry this season — get down to basics with plain gold, silver, jade, ivory, tortise, and pewter accessories, she said. Pendants should hang down the back to accent the "bearback" styles. Chinese bags, worn on a belt or a fine chain will replace the classic evening bag.

Platform heels are not fashionable, according to Debbie, despite their current popularity. Very narrow high heels with slim T-straps give the touch of elegance required with the more feminine apparel. Russian boots, wide around the ankle and narrower near the calf, are popular footwear with skirts.

Make-up and hair will also suggest the Oriental influence. Blunt cut chin-to-shoulder length hair and make-up suggesting Chinese features will be predominant, in subtle earth tone colors.

XMAS FOR CHRIST

Many persons today write *Xmas* instead of Christmas. This form of the name originated in the early Christian Church. In Greek, *X* is the first letter of Christs name. It was frequently used as a holy symbol.

Give your friends a monkey for Christmas

By DENISE BUNYAN and MARNIE CLEMENT

Stuck for Christmas ideas?

Don't overlook the interesting possibilities that pet stores have to offer.

After all, who would expect to find a monkey in his stocking?

Gary Lutzer, owner of the Pen Pet Shop in St. Catharines, says pets are a very popular Christmas gift.

His pets range from a 50 cent guppy to a $700 cockatoo.

He said puppies sell very well during the holiday season, and he keeps several in the store. However, he often has to refer customers to kennels when he does not have special breeds in stock.

The shop receives many requests for the more exotic pets during the Christmas season. The capuchin monkey that sells for $500 has been in the store for about six months, but Mr. Lutzer hopes to sell him during the holiday.

He added they sell more fish supplies before Christmas, and the fish are bought later after the holiday is over.

The store has about 50 different varieties of fresh and salt-water tropical fish.

Got any friends you'd like to get rid of?

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Christmas tree customs date back to 17th century

By Leslie Minion

Every year hundreds of people visit tree lots or stores looking for just the right evergreen to decorate in their home at Christmas. They probably don't know they are carrying out one of the many customs brought to Norht America over the years from Europe.

Their decorated evergreen trees were first used in German mystery plays consisting only of biblical events during the medieval period. The adorned trees are derived from the so-called Paradise tree from the garden of Eden.

Adaption of the tree to brighten one's home at Christmas, instead of the role it used to play in German mystery plays, first began in the 17th century in Strasbourg, France.

From France, the use of the tree on Dec. 25 went to Germany and from Germany into Northern Europe.

These evergreens not dieing in winter had been symbolic of eternal life, and were almost objects of worship in Northern Europe until the Christians changed the custom into one honoring Christ.

In 1841 the Christmas tree custom had been introduced to England by Prince Albert of Saxony, husband of Queen Victoria.

The custom carried on into North America through immigrants. The first American Christmas tree was created by Charles Follen, minister of Lexington's Community Curch in 1832.

It was decorated with bits of colored paper, gilded eggshell cups, cookies, fruit and candles sparkling on every branch. The gifts were placed under the tree for the family to open on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

The custom for decorating a community tree for an outdoor display began in the early 19th century.

This custom still lives. Year after year at Washington,D.C., a national tree-lighting ceremony takes place, when the president of the United States of America pulls the switch that lights the brightly decorated new community Christmas tree on the White House lawn.

Today we still carry on this tradition given to us by our European ancestors, although Christmas trees are trimmed with more modern decorations.

Science Centre trip planned

A trip to the Ontario Science Centre has been planned for any interested students in late February.

The trip, with the details still to be worked out by the Travel Club, will be open to the entire school, Diana Nieuesteeg, recording secretary of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) said.

The trip may be on a Saturday or a Sunday, as the Science Centre is not open every week day during the winter, Diana said.

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Greg — "A walkie talkie, cuz I want to talk in it."

Jason

Jason — "I'd like him to bring me, umm, a boat. So I can go out and play with it. Elephants and a boat, that's what I want."

Robbie — "A smash-up dolvie like what my sister got. And an Evel Kneivel and a big drum and a big band."

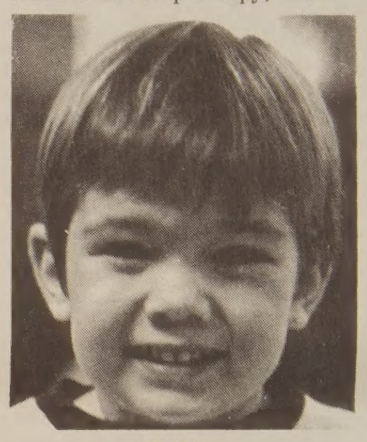
Paul

Abby — "A dog who eats Christmas trees. (What would you call him?) Peter. (What if it was a girl dog?) Peter. And a new doll.

Paul — "A truck. A red one and big. A bike like this one with wheels on it. A doggie too."

Kevin — "A Snoopy brushing teeth. And a soap Snoopy, too."

Kim

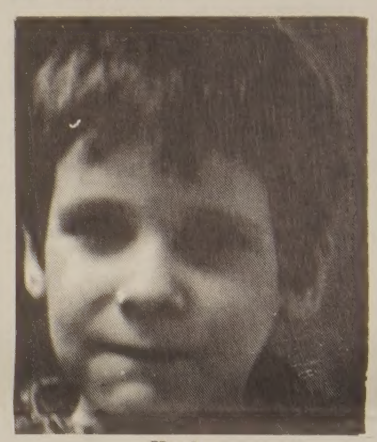


Robbie

Michelle — "I want him to bring me a Christmas tree and candy. Candy canes and toys and presents."

Kim — "A big truck, cause I want to play with it. A witch, too."

Sharon — "A dollie with a shower and a Barbie camper cause I have two barbies."



Kevin

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Recycling ideas for used Christmas cards

By KAREN MONCK

You probably spend a lot of money every year on Christmas cards, and what do you do with all the ones you got last year? If you haven't thrown them out yet, don't.

Christmas cards are beautiful. To throw out slightly used ones is a waste of money and imagination. Last year's cards can be turned into this year's cards, name-tags for presents and place cards for Christmas dinner.

Instead of buying cards to send this year, why not be a little creative? Cut off the front panel of the cards and trim them to any shape and size. Cut a piece of colored construction paper the same shape but one quarter inch bigger all around. Pinking sheers add a nice effect. Staple or tie with ribbon and you have attractive cards for your friends.

Name-tags can be made the same way or the construction paper can be left off and the name written on the back. Make them smaller than the cards. Cards with small pictures work best here.

Another use for cards with small pictures is place cards. Fold in half a piece of construction paper of appropriate size. Write the guests' names on one side and glue tiny Santas, presnets, snowmen or other figures around the name and on the back.

Kids love to help with this kind of thing and it's a good way to keep them busy while you're at your busiest making this a happy holiday.

Children in hospital

Surprises and treats for Xmas

By BILL RADUNSKY

Children, Christmas and hospitals — not a wholly desirable situation, but one that must be faced by some children every yuletide.

What does the festive season hold for them?

In the St. Catharines General Hospital, a present in every stocking at least, can be counted on says Mrs. Helen Hill, RN, pediatric supervisor.

"We aim to send as many as we can home," she says, "but this can not always be done."

With this situation, since illness knows no season, Mrs. Hill and her staff and various local groups try to make up for this deficit.

Many groups come to the hospital with presents and to entertain the children. Even Santa makes a personal appearance to spread his special cheer each year.

The mood of the season is further enhanced on the ward with decorations, made with the assistance of the children.

There are gifts aplenty and, if there is any chance that a child could go without, the staff quickly produces one from a donated supply.

Many children do well in the gift department while in hospital at any season.

Exactly how the presents are delivered is up to the parents. Mrs. Hill feels, however, it is best for the parents to bring them in personally, to supply that added family dimension and much-sought parental presence.

Presents can prove to be a problem though. In one instance Mrs. Hill said, a child of about 11 or 12 received a bicycle for Christmas. The problem arose when a younger child, not understanding, could not see why he could not have one too.

Therefore, it is preferred that parents not be too overwhelming," Mrs. Hill said.

Christmas day brings other treats for the children apart from the presents; decorated trays, special treats and a traditional Christmas dinner are all part and parcel of the day's schedule.

But probably most important to the children, usual visiting restrictions are lifted. Age limits and set visiting times are put aside for the occasion.

Although there is still no place like home, especially at Christmas, and especially for children, the St. Catharines hospital, undoubtedly like all hospitals, does its best to provide a Merry Christmas for those tots confined there.

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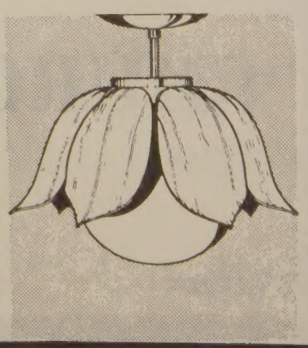

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Do-it-yourself, pre-cut trees delight to 130 children

By BILL RADUNSKY

There are two ways to get a real Christmas tree — buy one pre-cut, or trudge out with axe in hand.

Both techniques are catered to in this area, with Abe Di Martile, Welland, supplying the pre-cut trees, and the partnership of Frank Pattern of Pelham, John Stevens of St. Catharines and John Issac of Vineland, supplying the lots of trees for do-it-yourselfers.

The do-it-yourselfers were out in force on Dec. 2 in the form of about 130 children along with some parents and teachers from Memorial Public School of St. Catharines.

Before a tree can be cut down, however, it must first be grown. Growing of these trees takes more effort than might be first apparent to the layman.

Mice, which like the young saplings, and worms that eat the needles, pose problems for the Christmas tree grower.

The worms, which grow to about an inch long and are furry, are taken care of by spraying in the spring by airplane.

For the mice Mr. DiMartile and Mr. Stevens have their own methods.

Before planting the trees, Mr. DiMartile removes the top soil and uses it for landscaping. This makes it more difficult for the mice because they cannot burrow.

Mr. Stevens, on the other hand, spreads poison through out his lot to get rid of this menace.

Mr. DiMartile grows his trees right in Welland on Pelham Road, where he has between 15,000 and 20,000 trees. He has his trees cut for the public. They sell at $5 to $10 each.

Having a few men cut thousands of trees does pose one problem and that is what is known, he said, as "tree blindness." A man cutting trees for more than just a few hours without getting out of the trees suffers from this malady. After a few hours to begin to cut everything in sight with no regard for the tree's looks — not because of laziness but because they all start to look alike. This is tree-blindness.

Mr. Stevens and his partners charge $5 per tree to cut it yourself. Last year they had about 1,000 people in and he expects this number to double this year. But don't forget an axe, if you're going to be one of those 2,000, because they don't supply them.

A group of public school children wishing to get their trees early were accommodated by Mr. Stevens who even had a large pot of soup simmering over an open fire to warm them. Along with hot dogs and other assorted goodies brought by the school, the children were in for quite a meal.

The picking and cutting of just the right trees was a confusion of "Here's a good one!" and "I found the perfect tree!"

But probably the highlight of the occasion for the children was the unexpected arrival of Santa Claus, who listened to the usual demands of the children and led them in the singing of Jingle Bells and Rudolf, the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Back to nature for soup—and Christmas trees.

(Photo by Radunsky)

NC trio decorates two stores

Three Niagara College fashion art students decorated two vacant downtown St. Catharines stores in a Christmas theme.

The third-year advertising option students, Margaret Ball, Kathy Bell and Mary Ellen Greggain, decorated the stores as a day care centre and winter scene.

The day care centre was done with a Charlie Brown theme. Peanuts and his friends will entertain the children as their parents do their Christmas shopping.

The village theme in the other store will feature skaters. This Canadiana theme was proposed by City Core, the association of St. Catharines downtown businessmen, which approached the college with the proposal to decorate the two stores.

The Fashion Arts program sent the three students on two-week field placement. Mary Ellen said she was excited about their work and was looking forward to completing it in a week's time.

How are Xmas liquor sales? Don't ask! : LCBO manager

By JOHN BRUCE

The spirit of giving usually prevails during the Christmas season, but apparently not at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario store at the Welland Plaza.

A Niagara News reporter visited the store Nov. 28 to find out such things as the increase in sales during the holiday season, which types or brands of liquor sell best at this time of year, any special hours the store might have to handle the volume of sales and how much extra staff the store might take on.

These questions seemed reasonable to the News staffer but not to Roy Lee, store manager.

I'm afraid I can't give out that information because if anything goes haywire, I'm the boy who gets it," Mr. Lee said, refusing to answer any questions.

Mr. Lee even refused to give the News a general statement on any of the questions. He told the reporter to call Toronto to have the questions either answered or approved by senior LCBO officials.

"I don't want to stick my neck out," Mr. Lee said.

LCBO chairman James Mackey is alive and well until he retires Jan. 1, it seems.

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Come down to earth this year and enjoy real spirit of Xmas

By CORINA NELLES

Christmas decorations can be like champagne; they can go to one's head if you let them.

Ever wonder how your home would appear without all that artificial glitter. In this age of mass commercialism, it's nice to come down to earth and enjoy the real spirit of Christmas!

What we call "getting ready" for Christmas is an inseparable part of the celebration itself. Every minute of it ought to be fun preparing your home decorations for the mood of Christmas.

Making your own decorations is not only economical but can be fun for the whole family or the college student who wants to decorate his or her apartment for the holiday season.

Christmas is also a time that the family should spend together. Participating in creating decorations is one way the family can become closer.

Christmas is a brief occasion once a year. It could last longer. Instead of the usual routine of putting the decorations up and then taking them down, why not try a change?

Instead of spending a fortune on store-bought decorations, why not spend a little time making your own which will probably look even better?

Strings of Christmas lights, indoor and outdoor, can cost up to $10 a strand and light bulbs cost up to $1 for four replacement bulbs.

Ornaments may cost from $4 to $12 and, to cover a tree, you would need a few boxes of them, with tinsel and other glitter.

You could spend a total of $50 to decorate your home. Couldn't you think of a better use for that money? Especially during the holiday season.

WORSHIPED TREES

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For Cathy Stayzer and Vivian Dilts, making Christmas dolls is not only a good way to spend the afternoon, but also a way to save money on Christmas gifts.

(Photo by McKnight)

Home-made dolls make beautiful gifts

Much of Christmas fun is the giving as well as the receiving of gifts. With prices continually soaring, however, many people have been forced to cut their gift lists.

But 18-year-old Cathy Stayzer, R.R.1, Wainfleet, and her girlfriend Vivian Dilts, R.R.2, Wainfleet, have found a way of beating those high costs by making gifts themselves.

It began last year when Cathy saw an advertisement in one of the local newspapers for a night course teaching the art of doll-making. She decided to sign up for it at Westbrook Secondary School, Welland, and 10 weeks later she had mastered the art.

"I only make them as gifts and for myself," said Vivian. She said many of her dolls are used as decoration in her home, such as the Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa she made.

Her friend Vivian saw the dolls Cathy has made and decided she, too, would take up the hobby. Rather than enroll in a course, however, Vivian decided to teach herself.

The dolls the girls make are similar in appearance except those made by Cathy stand approximately 15 inches high, while those made by Vivian are only about 12 inches in height.

The making of the dolls is time-consuming but, as Cathy said, "They're a good way of spending the afternoon and they're a product you can be proud of." Each doll takes about 20 hours to complete.

Although most of the dolls are made either for themselves of for gifts, Cathy does sell her dolls. She said they are sold at $10 each, which is reasonable considering all the time put into them and the materials alone cost $7.

The girls have shown their dolls at the 1975 Wainfleet Fall Fair and at the Wainfleet Library. With Christmas just around the corner they said they would be too busy making more for Christmas gifts and decoration to show them anywhere.

Decorate economically by doing it yourself

By IAN WILSON

How does an inflation-stricken student decorate an apartment for Christmas economically? Why not make all the decorations yourself, the way your grandparents did back in the "good old days."

Simple decorations can be made by stringing popcorn, cranberries, walnuts or chestnuts. These strings may be wound around the Christmas tree or hung just about anywhere.

The next thing to do is venture into any one of the beautiful wooded areas in the Niagara region and collect cedar and pine branches, pine cones and autumn leaves to use in making wreaths and centrepieces.

Bind some of the pine or cedar branches into wreaths and wire on cranberries and halves of pomegranates or apples. Then stick the wire through the fruit and wind it around the branches

Natural centrepieces can be made using a little fruit, some cedar branches and a few nails. First, build a two-tier wooded base and drive in five or six nails around each tier, two inches apart. Stick pears and apples on the nails and put the cedar branches and cranberries between them.

Just add pine cones and autumn leaves around the base, and a pineapple on top and it's ready for the table.

Do-it-yourself decorations are more natural than glass and tinsel and each design is limited only by the designer's imagination.

Give a Christmas touch to the walls by arranging groupings of fruit, pine branches and cones on shelves and mantlepieces.

So if you are feeling the bite of inflation this Christmas, why not make some old fashioned decorations at old fashioned prices.The only cost for these ornaments is that of a few pieces of wood, some nails and the fruit.

Old trees to N/C

If you have a natural Christmas tree this year, and you leave it to be picked up by St. Catharines garbage collectors, don't be surprised to see it lying behind Niagara College's Horticultural Centre shortly after the holidays.

St. Catharines work crews take the trees to the Horticultural Centre on Niagara street near Lester Pearson Park where they are fed through chipping machines.

Extra special holiday treats for extra special friends

By BEV DELANEY

Christmas is the time for warm, loving smells from the kitchen. Most of us can remember the annual holiday baking binge. Christmas visitors were offered plates groaning with cookie jewels.

Now most of us don't have the time for all-day baking sessions but still want to offer holiday visitors something special. These recipes have been chosen for both eye appeal and ease of preparation.

With careful packing, they all make suitable gifts from your kitchen.

All recipes are easy to make. Prepared cookie dough may be covered and stored in the refrigerator or freezer for later baking. The Rum Balls require no baking at all.

Rum Balls
[No-bake]

1 cup crushed vanilla wafers
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1½ cups chopped pecans or walnuts
2 tbsp. cocoa
2 tbsp. corn syrup

¼ cup rum
¼ cup granulated sugar

Combine fine crumbs, confectioner's sugar, 1 cup pecans, and cocoa. Add corn syrup and rum and mix well. Shape into 1-inch balls. Roll half in granulated sugar and remainder in ½ cup nuts. Makes 2 dozen.

Shortbread
[The easy way]

1 cup butter or margarine
⅔ cup icing sugar
½ tsp. vanilla
2½ cups presifted pastry flour
Green and red candied cherries
Filberts

Cream butter with icing sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla. Stir in flour, a litle at a time, combining well after each addition. Knead lightly. Shape dough into balls and place on greased baking sheet. Slightly flatten balls; press a small cherry or a filbert on each. Bake at 300 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes.

Holiday Fruit Drops

3½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups brown sugar (lightly packed)
2 eggs
½ cup buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla
5½ cups any combination of chopped nuts, candied fruits or peels, raisins or dates.

Beat butter, sugar and eggs together until fluffy. Add buttermilk and vanilla. Add flour, a little at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in nuts and fruits. Drop by teaspoonfuls on greased baking sheets; top with nut halves if desired. Bake at 350 for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cranberry-Orange Quick Bread

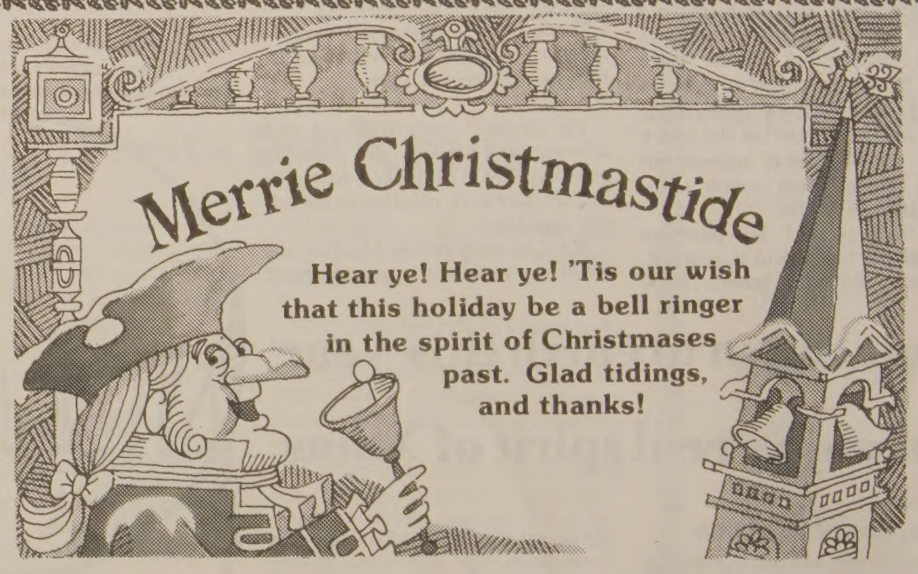
1½ cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
¼ cup butter or margarine
¾ cup granulated sugar
2 eggs

Rind and juice of 1 orange
1 cup cooked, sweetened cranberries
1 cup chopped walnuts
Glaze (optional): 1 tbsp. orange juice, 1 tbsp. sugar

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cream butter and sugar together. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then add the orange rind. Stir in the dry ingredients alternately with the orange juice, beating until smooth after each addition. Stir the cranberries and chopped nuts into the batter. Pour into greased 9x5 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour, or until toothpick inserted in loaf comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes. Spoon the blended orange juice and sugar over the loaf. Remove loaf from pan.

Emergency Cookies

Holiday bakers who lack time or talent can still be rescued by refrigerated dough from the supermarket. Plain cookies can be decorated with coloured sugars and chocolate sprinkles or topped with small cherries or nuts. Most of the doughs offer holiday recipe booklets.


Merrie Christmastide
Hear ye! Hear ye! 'Tis our wish that this holiday be a bell ringer in the spirit of Christmases past. Glad tidings, and thanks!

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Christmas Greetings

Good tidings of comfort and joy . . .
to all our cherished friends, students,
staff and faculty. We hope the season's
warmth fills your house with rekindled
feelings of peace and brotherhood.

Special thanks for your loyalty
and pleasant associations.

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor...The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

We wish you and all you hold dear a very joyful holiday. May it be graced with health, happiness and peace.

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